

UTILITY had really been burned up about our surfacing the matter to the French. WINTERSTEIN said that the French had been quite nasty to UTILITY about the matter, and when UTILITY came home he was raging angry at KUBARK. This led to his emotional behaviour, issuance of new security regulations, etc.

7. I have the distinct impression that we unwittingly played into the hands of the French on this matter. Instead of working honestly with [ ] to clear up the case, the French seem to have used our material to provoke a breach between KUBARK and CATIDE.

UTILITY is not under any pressure from SOUM to let his contacts with the Americans, but feels obligated to adopt an anti-American stance before his subordinates every time something goes wrong. This is a means of demonstrating that he hasn't sold out to the Americans.

Despite UTILITY's security decrees, the French in general were again coming to the fore in CATIDE and therefore hoped and expected that our co-operation would continue pretty much as before. He added that he and everyone else with any brains realized how much CATIDE owed KUBARK and how much they needed our help. WINTERSTEIN said that he, BRECKENHART and CAPPEL had personally advised UTILITY that direct contact with their MLE counterparts were indispensable to the good performance of their work. Despite the new security regulations, WINTERSTEIN said he felt all future correspondence between

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